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1. IN DISCUSSING REFTEL INSTRUCTION WITH PHILIPPE LEVY, WHO WILL HEAD SWISS DELEGATION TO TC MEETING, HE TOLD ECON/COM COUNSELOR THAT AMBASSADOR LANGUETIN HAD ASKED HIM TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT. SWISS APPARENTLY HAVE THE IMPRESSION, BASED ON THE MEETING AT WHICH THE REPORT TO THE TC WAS DRAFTED, THAT THE U.S. MIGHT HAVE LOST SOME OF ITS ENTHUSIASM FOR MOVING THIS PROJECT FORWARD QUICKLY. LEVY SAID THE U.S. SEEMED RELUCTANT TO AGREE TO A REPORT WHICH CLEARLY STATED THE REMAINING DIFFERENCES OF VIEW, WHEREAS THE EC SEEMED ANXIOUS TO HAVE THEM SET FORTH IN SUCH A WAY AS TO BRING THE TC TO GIVE A NEW AND NECESSARY IMPETUS TO THE EFFORT TO WRITE A CODE.

2. LANGUETIN'S INTENTION IS TO TRY TO GET A CLEAR READING AT THE TC MEETING AS TO HOW FAR, HOW FAST, AND IN WHAT DIRECTION COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE U.S., ARE WILLING TO GO.

3. QUESTION OF WHEN WORK ON THE CODE SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO GATT WILL, SWISS BELIEVE, ALSO COME UP AGAIN.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: SWISS SEEM TO WANT TO SEE THIS ISSUE BROUGHT TO THE POINT AT WHICH IT IS AGREED EITHER THAT REAL PROGRESS IS POSSIBLE OR THAT, FOR THE TIME BEING AT LEAST, IT IS NOT. SWISS TRADE OFFICIALS ARE HAVING PROBLEMS IN KEEPING ELEMENTS OF THEIR OWN ADMINISTRATION IN LINE BEHIND THE EFFORT TO WRITE ON EF-

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